

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1405

December 19, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Wray,

I would like to bring to your attention a potential attempt to interfere in my election and threats against a U.S. government official in the course of performing my official duties overseas. I formally request an investigation into whether these actions were conspired and directed by the members of the Office of the President of Ukraine or some other foreign actors in Ukraine. As you know, such actions could qualify a country to be put on a list of state sponsors of terrorism by definition per U.S. Title 28.

As you might be aware, based on my observations on the ground, concerns raised by our military personnel during my CODELs, lack of evidence of the U.S. support getting to the most critically affected areas in Ukraine and frontlines promptly and efficiently, and unwillingness of the Biden Administration to effectively brief Congress, I released public letters to President Biden this summer demanding a briefing and better oversight and accountability to Congress. The Ukrainian people and Ukrainian soldiers are fighting a brutal and heroic battle of this century for democratic values and freedoms, and we need to make sure that our weapons and money do get to the right people.

I was surprised by an aggressive reaction of the Office of the President of Ukraine. Instead of addressing our oversight concerns, Mr. Andriy Yermak, President Zelensky's Chief of Staff, and current de-facto President of Ukraine, launched a major smear campaign on their almost fully government-controlled media portraying me as a Russian collaborator. They threatened anyone who met with me or would want to meet with me with criminal charges through their fully controlled judicial and prosecutorial systems and allegedly directed their secret police (SBU) to use intimidation techniques during my official visits to Ukraine this Fall, among other things.

Additionally, they worked with a very questionable CNN reporter, Natasha Bertrand, who boosted the Trump-Russia Steele dossier hoax through Politico and MSNBC, and falsely claimed that the Hunter Biden laptop was "Russian disinformation", as well as with Newsweek to write hit pieces against me based on a variety of anonymous sources which happened while I was in the middle of my re-election campaign.

After spending an enormous amount of energy to help the Ukrainian people since the war has started by spearheading congressional and public support; putting pressure on the Biden Administration to improve our security assistance, logistics, training, and strategy, and reestablish our diplomatic presence in Ukraine; putting pressure on the international organizations to better assist with the Black Sea ports, humanitarian aid, war crimes, evacuations and nuclear security; working with our allies to help with aid, prisoners of war and energy security; going to the Ukrainian frontlines to understand the situation on the ground to better assist the Ukrainian military; and risking my life by being exposed to nuclear radiation, artillery fire, missiles and drones, I was appalled by the actions of the Office of the President of Ukraine

for doing my constitutional duty to the American people to oversee spending by our executive branch, which would also benefit the Ukrainian people, so we do not have Afghanistan 2.0 in Ukraine.

Although, the response to my letters to President Biden by the Office of the President of Ukraine was offensive and alarmed me even further, they have yielded some positive results by better involvement by our government in the Ukrainian efforts and installation of the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor after almost a two-year stalling by Mr. Yermak's Deputy Oleg Tatarov, also known as a top police official under former President Yanukovich prosecuting Euromaidan protestors, and who was under investigation by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau in 2020 before his appointment to his current position and questionable closing of his case. Therefore, I decided to pull back on further requests and unanswered questions.

Although, I believe some recent developments in Ukraine brought to my attention require an investigation and some answers. I am attaching billboard pictures installed in Khmelnytsky region of Ukraine and possibly elsewhere with my official congressional photo, name and the following statement "Our president has to purge Russian FSB agents in any kind of office". I am not sure if it's a result of a government-controlled media propaganda unleashed against me in Ukraine or a continued effort to target me, but any threats against a U.S. government official in foreign countries should be taken seriously. The attack on a U.S. Representative in the course of performing her constitutional duties is an attack on the American people providing billions of dollars of aid to Ukraine.

I would be happy to meet in person to clarify my concerns further if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Spartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" and the last name "Spartz" clearly legible.

Victoria Spartz
Member of Congress

CC: President Joseph R. Biden; Secretary Antony Blinken; Attorney General Merrick Garland;
Ambassador Bridget A. Brink; Ambassador Oksana Markarova